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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Rick Shaffer, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Shaffer:

Section 274 of 2005 Public Act No. 147 requires the Michigan Department of Human Services (MDHS) to report on "...each federal grant this state was eligible to apply for but for any reason chose not to submit an application."

The Department of Human Services is currently developing a web based computer system for collecting, tracking and disseminating information on available federal grants. Training for key departmental staff is scheduled for several dates in March, 2006. Subsequent to the completion of training, the system will go live and "funding opportunity alerts" will be transmitted to appropriate staff for decisions. Grants that specifically relate to legislative objectives will be rated as high priority opportunities. These objectives are fatherhood and marriage initiatives, teen pregnancy prevention, kinship care, before- and after-school programs, family preservation and divorce prevention, homeless prevention and youth in transition.

In the meantime, MDHS is applying for federal grants for which our department is eligible. To my knowledge, there are no federal grants for which my department was eligible but did not apply.

If you have any questions, please contact John Sorbet, chief administrative officer, at 517-373-7787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marianne Udow".

Marianne Udow

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